



IPR

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Ken HIRANO et al.**

Group Art Unit: **3654**

Application Number: **10/533,109**

Examiner: **Terrell Howard Matthews**

Filed: **April 28, 2005**

Confirmation Number: **4822**

For: **METHOD FOR SORTING AND RECOVERING FINE PARTICLES,  
AND APPARATUS FOR RECOVERY**

Attorney Docket Number: **052525**

Customer Number: **38834**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d)/(e)(1)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 12, 2007

Sir:

Applicants direct the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office to the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. A copy of each non- U.S. document is attached.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after mailing of a final action, a Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, but before or concurrent with payment of the Issue Fee. A check is attached hereto which covers the \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p).

The undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. A copy of the foreign communication citing the documents is attached.

10/15/2007 CNGUYEN2 00000060 10533109

Information Disclosure Statement under 1.97(d)  
Attorney Docket No. 052525  
Application No. 10/533,109

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge Deposit  
Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,  
**WESTERMAN, HATTORI, DANIELS & ADRIAN, LLP**



Kenneth H. Salen  
Attorney for Applicants  
Registration No. 43,077  
Telephone: (202) 822-1100  
Facsimile: (202) 822-1111

KHS/rf

Enclosures: PTO/SB/08  
3 Documents  
Check for \$180.00